

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions of claims in the application:

Claims 1-40 (Cancelled)

41. (Currently Amended) ~~An injection~~ A blow-molded tumbler formed from a nanocomposite comprising a matrix polymer and a nanoparticle filler comprising:

- (a) a base forming the bottom of said tumbler defining an outer edge thereof;
- (b) a sidewall integrally formed with said base extending upwardly from the outer edge thereof defining about its upper extremity a fortified rim;
- (c) wherein said fortified rim has a thickness greater than the adjacent portion of said sidewall; and
- (d) wherein the volume of the ~~injection~~ blow-molded tumbler is from about 1.5 to about 4 times the volume of an injection-molded parison from which it was prepared.

42. (Currently amended) The ~~injection~~ blow-molded tumbler according to Claim 41, wherein said matrix resin is polypropylene.

43. (Currently amended) The ~~injection~~ blow-molded tumbler according to Claim 41, wherein said nanocomposite comprises from about 2 to about 12 percent by weight nanoparticles.

44. (Currently amended) The ~~injection~~ blow-molded tumbler according to 43, wherein said nanoparticles have an average size of less than about 2 microns.

45. (Currently amended) The ~~injection~~ blow-molded tumbler according to Claim 44 wherein said nanoparticles are clay particles.

46. (Currently amended) The ~~injection~~ blow-molded tumbler according to Claim 41, wherein said nanocomposites comprises from about 3 to about 10 weight percent nanoparticles.
47. (Currently amended) The ~~injection~~ blow-molded tumbler according to Claim 46, wherein said nanocomposites comprises from about 4 to about 8 weight percent nanoparticles.
48. (Currently amended) The ~~injection~~ blow-molded tumbler according to Claim 47, wherein said nanocomposites comprises from about 4 to about 6 weight percent nanoparticles.
49. (Currently amended) The ~~injection~~ blow-molded tumbler according to Claim 48, wherein said nanoparticles have an average size of less than about 2 microns.
50. (Currently amended) The ~~injection~~ blow-molded tumbler according to Claim 49, wherein said nanoparticles are clay particles.

Claims 51-56 (Cancelled)

57. (Previously presented) The tumbler according to Claim 41, wherein the matrix polymer is polycarbonate.
58. (Previously presented) The tumbler according to Claim 57, wherein the tumbler is formed from a hydrolysis-stabilized polycarbonate such that the tumbler is substantially hydrolytically stable over 10 wash cycles in alkaline environment having a pH of greater than about 9, wherein each wash cycle involves temperatures of above about 110°F for more than 45 minutes.
59. (Currently amended) The ~~injection~~ blow-molded tumbler according to Claim 41, wherein said matrix resin is a polyester resin.

60. (Currently amended) The ~~injection~~ blow-molded tumbler according to Claim 41, wherein said matrix resin is a polyolefin resin.
61. (Currently amended) The ~~injection~~ blow-molded tumbler according to Claim 41, wherein said matrix resin is a polystyrene resin.
62. (Currently amended) The ~~injection~~ blow-molded tumbler according to Claim 41, wherein said matrix resin is a polyethylene terephthalate resin.
63. (Currently amended) The ~~injection~~ blow-molded tumbler according to Claim 41, wherein said matrix resin comprises mixtures of polycarbonate resins and acrylonitrile-butadiene-styrene resins.
64. (Currently amended) The ~~injection~~ blow-molded tumbler according to Claim 41, wherein said matrix resin comprises an acrylic resin.
65. (Currently amended) The ~~injection~~ blow-molded tumbler according to Claim 41, wherein said matrix resin is a polyvinyl chloride resin.
66. (Currently amended) The ~~injection~~ blow-molded tumbler according to Claim 49, wherein said nanoparticles comprise plastic particles.
67. (Currently amended) The ~~injection~~ blow-molded tumbler according to Claim 49, wherein said nanoparticles comprise zinc oxide particles.
68. (Currently amended) The ~~injection~~ blow-molded tumbler according to Claim 49, wherein said nanoparticles comprises titanium oxide based particles.
69. (New) The blow-molded tumbler according to Claim 49, wherein said nanoparticles comprise montmorillonite.